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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 16 through line 18 as follows:

To achieve the above object, according to the present invention, a refrigerator is provided with ion generating means having an air passage leading to an air outlet, and positive and negative ions are released into a living space outside the refrigerator.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 19 through Page 18, line 2 as follows:

Next, the operation of generating ions in the construction described above will be described. When power is turned on by operating the operation portion 48, the casing unit 8 is energized. The ion generating apparatus 7 and the blower 21 start operating simultaneously. Thus, air outside the refrigerator is sucked into the case 40 through the opening 42 and the air inlet 13. The air sucked in passes through the dustproof filter 46, and flows through the air passage 20. The positive and negative ions generated by the ion generating apparatus 7 is carried by the passing air, and thus the air becomes ionized. This ionized air is blown out through ~~the air outlet 11 and the opening 41~~ formed so as to face the air outlet 11.